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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sauerberg et al.                      Confirmation No.: 2809  
Application No.: 10/734,368                                      Group Art Unit: 1621  
Filed: December 12, 2003                                      Examiner: Keys, Rosalynd Ann  
For: Dimeric Dicarboxylic Acid Derivatives, Their Preparation and Use (as amended)

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action on the merits mailed November 27, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire February 27, 2008, subject to extensions of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

A petition for a two (2) month extension of time to increase the period for reply from February 27, 2008, to April 27, 2008, is enclosed herewith to permit timely filing of this Amendment/Response and the Request for Continued Examination enclosed herewith. April 27, 2008, is a Sunday, therefore a response filed the next business day, Monday April 28, 2008, is considered timely.

The examiner states in the Office Action Summary that claims numbered 1-48, 53-66 and 69-73 are pending in the application; claims numbered 1-4, 9-11, 16-22, 24, 26-28, 32-34, 38-48, 54 and 63-69 are rejected; claims numbered 58, 59 and 61 are objected to.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicant submits a complete listing of all of the claims ever presented for this pending application, which will replace the preceding claim listing.

Claims numbered 58, 59 and 61 are amended herein.